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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CHEMICAL CONVERSION COATING  
AGENT AND SURFACE-TREATED METAL

Examiner: L. L. Zheng

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.